



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Commissioner for Patents  
United States Patent and Trademark Office  
Washington, D.C. 20231  
www.uspto.gov

Paper No. 10

Piper Rudnick, LLP  
1200 19<sup>th</sup> Street, N. W.  
Washington, DC 20036-2412

**COPY MAILED**

**AUG 1 2002**

**OFFICE OF PETITIONS**

In re Application of  
Duncan W. McBranch  
Application No. 09/934,680  
Filed: August 23, 2001  
Attorney Docket No. 8971-017-27

:  
: DECISION NOTING JOINDER OF  
: INVENTOR AND PETITION  
: UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a) MOOT  
:


Papers filed on July 19, 2002 in response to a "Decision Refusing Status Under 37 CFR 1.47(a)" mailed June 7, 2002 included a Declaration signed by a previously non-signing inventor, Michael Egholm, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63.

The petition is dismissed as moot.

In view of the joinder of the inventor, further consideration under § 1.47(a) is not necessary. This application does not have any Rule 1.47 status and no such status should appear on the file wrapper. This application need not be returned to this Office for any further consideration under 37 CFR 1.47(a).

The application file is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination to complete processing of the application.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to Marianne Morgan at (703) 306-3475.

  
Frances M. Hicks  
Lead Petitions Examiner  
Office of Petitions  
Office of the Deputy Commissioner  
for Patent Examination Policy